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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Bruce OBERHARDT

SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION

FILED: HERewith

FOR: ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS  
ACCURATELY, RAPIDLY AND SIMPLY

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claims 21-25.

**BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT**

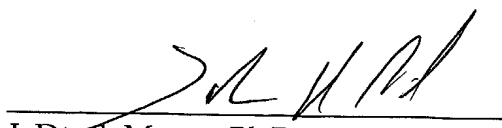
The present amendment cancels Claims 21-25. Claims 1-20 are now active in the present application.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 21-25 (Canceled).